

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1. (Deleted).
2. (Currently amended) The balance shoe of claim 4 10 wherein said balance shoe housing has a pivot member that has a generally oval head portion, said oval head portion forcing said support member outwardly as said oval head portion is turned.
3. (Currently amended) The balance shoe according to claim 2 wherein said balance shoe housing has an opening for receiving and retaining the pivot member, said pivot member being adapted to engage a pivot bar that is fixed to a window sash.
4. (Original) The balance shoe according to claim 3 wherein one or more guides direct the pivot bar to easily slide into pivot member.
5. (Currently amended) The balance shoe according to claim 4 wherein an inner surface of the balance shoe housing has a ~~pair of~~ at least one receiving channel channels to permit a retaining arm of the side support member to move freely in a ~~first~~ direction toward a wall of a window jamb channel.
6. (Deleted).

7. (Currently amended) The balance shoe according to claim 6 13 wherein the opening has a first ledge and a second ledge and said side support member rides along said first ledge and said pivot member is placed in said opening and pivot member rests on second ledge.
8. (Original) The balance shoe according to claim 7 wherein there is a retaining means on a front outer surface of the shoe.
9. (New) The balance shoe according to claim 8 wherein said retaining means guide said side support member to permit a retaining arm of the side support member to move freely in a direction toward a wall of a window jamb channel.
10. (New) An improved balance shoe for retaining a sash in a window jamb channel comprising:

a balance shoe housing having a base section, said base section having at least one channel and at least one side support member slidably movable in said channel from a first position to a second extended position;

said balance shoe housing having a pivot member, said pivot member having a generally oval-shaped head portion and wherein said oval-shaped head portion engages at least one of said side support members as said oval-shaped portion rotates and forces said side support member of said balance shoe housing

to slide in said channel from said first position to said second extended position wherein said side support member is in contact with at least one side wall surface of a window jamb channel when said side support member is in its second extended position and such window is tilted.

11. (New) The balance shoe according to claim 10 wherein said side support member has an inner arcuate surface which articulates with said oval head portion as said oval-shaped head portion rotates.

12. (New) The balance shoe according to claim 11 wherein said side support member has a serrated surface which engages said window jamb channel when said side support member is in an extended position.

13. (New) An improved balance shoe comprising a balance shoe housing having a base section, wherein said housing has an opening for receiving and retaining to pivot member said pivot member being adopted to engage a pivot bar attached to a window sash, said opening having one or more guides that direct the pivot bar into said pivot member, said pivot member having a generally oval head portion, and wherein said oval head portion of said pivot member forces at least one side support member of said housing outwardly onto contact with at least one sidewall surface of a window jamb channel when said window is tilted and wherein an inner surface of said housing has a pair of receiving channels cut completely through said housing to permit a

retaining arm of the side support member to move freely in a first direction in said receiving channel.